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1. Between 15 and 25 August 1953, training activities observed at the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp were on a smaller scale than previously. In the morning, about 300 soldiers of various branches of service would do close order drill in the billeting area. Training on 4 x 37-mm AA guns was regularly given throughout the day in front of Installations Nos 111 and 112. About 9 a.m. every day, trucks [redacted] each occupied by 20 men left for the target range near the Klinker Works. Another two trucks occupied by 20 men each left every morning about 7 a.m. for harvest work in Neu-holland and Liebenwalde.
2. On several evenings, [redacted] civilians from 25 to 30 years old walking to the railroad station, while civilians from 17 to 19 years old were seen walking from the railroad station to the troop camp. These young men carried suitcases. On 25 August 1953, two removal vans proceeded through Bernauer Strasse toward the troop camp. One of the vans had come from Grossenhain, the other from Leipzig.¹
3. About 7 p.m. on 15 August, 10 new trucks painted blue-green arrived.²
1. [redacted] Comment. The observations confirm previous information that both discharges and recruitments were affected by the KVP in August.
2. [redacted] Comment. The 1st Meck Kommando of KVP Bereitschaft Berlin is stationed in Oranienburg. The arrival of new motor vehicles agrees with other observations according to which this unit is being brought to authorized strength.

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